

I know I talked to the framers of my amendment and they said you were going to say the same thing that you said, that it is not germane; but I think it is germane, and I would like to have an opportunity to offer the amendment. You may rule me out of order—but when would you suggest I offer the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: You may, if your amendment is to section 1, you may offer it. If it is in the form you indicate, the Chair will rule it out of order, and you can appeal the ruling of the Chair.

I might say the reason for ruling so is that the Convention rules specifically provide that delegate proposals shall first be referred to a committee for consideration and report. This proposal as you have outlined it would not have been subjected to committee consideration as it should be under the Convention rules.

The Chair will recognize you after we have disposed of the other four amendments I mentioned, to offer your amendment, and you will have an opportunity to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: It would not be much use, would it?

The trouble with it is this is the greatest gag rule I have ever seen in my life. A man has not got a chance to talk up here.

But this is germane to the whole section. We are talking about people old enough to vote, and I want to talk about what else they are old enough to do.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may discuss that in the period of debate on the voting age amendments. I was addressing myself only to your request for information as to the status of your proposed amendment.

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I might say to you and the other members and Delegate Malkus that I would be happy to join him in a resolution proposal that if the voting age is lowered to nineteen, that the age of majority also be lowered to nineteen, so that may go in the constitution in an appropriate place.

THE CHAIRMAN: That may be offered in the form of a delegate proposal. The Chair will be glad to submit the proposal to the proper committee immediately and request immediate consideration.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I would be happy to join Delegate Malkus in such a resolution or proposal.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I am not sure—

*(Laughter)*—that I want to go ahead and join with another loser.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions as to the procedure to be followed with respect to voting age?

Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to remain silent, but I must answer.

Resolution No. 17 submitted by me on October 16, 1967 is a resolution providing that the legislature be requested to make the age for executing legal documents, purchasing alcoholic beverages, etc. consistent with the voting age if it be lowered by this Convention. There is such resolution. It has been before the body.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Delegate Cardin. The Chair had completely forgotten it.

Can you recall, because the Chair cannot, to which committee the resolution was referred?

DELEGATE CARDIN: Unfortunately, it was not referred. The Committee on Suffrage and Elections discussed it briefly. It was mentioned at the time that it would have to have different consideration because it had never been stated that way constitutionally and might be up for statute.

At the time we had presentments available to us and it was considered that this would be one of the presentments. Since that has passed, it was considered to place it in transitory legislation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Are there any further questions?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Supplemental roll call, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I wanted the Committee of the Whole to rise, first.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of the Whole rise and report its approval of Committee Recommendation SF-5 as amended.